

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**Of the**

**LIME ROCK FIRE DISTRICT, INC., 1085 Great Road, Lincoln RI 02865**

**Held May 7, 2012**

**Mr. Ronald Rivet called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m., Monday May 7, 2012.**

**Present: Mr. Ronald Rivet, Mr. Mark Krieger, Mr. James A. Fredrikson, Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr., Mr. Paul Harrison, Chief Frank Sylvester, Ms. Lesley Heaton, Ms. Cheryl Cronan.**

## **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2012 MEETING:**

**Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Minutes of the April 10, 2012 meeting. Mr. James A. Fredrikson, seconded the motion which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

## **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2012 MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr. made a motion to accept and seal the**

**Minutes of the April 10, 2012 Executive Session meeting. Mr. James A. Fredrikson, seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**No one signed up for Public Input.**

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

**Mr. Mark Krieger, made a motion to accept the Chief's Report. Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr., seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger inquired about the Weapons of Mass Destruction course held in Georgia that two firefighters attended. Chief Sylvester responded that the program is run by the Federal Government. Firefighters attend these programs on their days off and is of no cost to the department. I have spoken to both firefighters and both felt this seminar was well worth the time invested.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger commented on the change in format of Lt. Joel Jacques report .**

**Mr. Paul Harrison questioned who makes the decisions regarding variances at Davies. Chief Sylvester responded it is the State of**

**Rhode Island Fire Marshal office.**

**Mr. James A. Fredrikson, commented on a firefighter leaving the department, and the process being taken to fill the position. Chief Sylvester responded, it is a full time position and the replacement will be chosen from our on call staff. Eventually, we will be interviewing for an on call position.**

**Mr. James A. Fredrikson, inquired what a Scott Air –Pak was. Chief Sylvester replied it is a self-contained breathing apparatus.**

**With no further discussion, the Chief's Report was accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.**

#### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report as presented. Mr. Paul Harrison,seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger inquired about the status of the tax sales. Ms. Heaton replied the Tax Sales would be in August. The services of Attorney Bevilacqua have been retained to process the tax sales.**

**Mr. Paul Harrison, commented on the 279 accounts that have made partial payments and how that was progressing. His concerns were the accounts that made one payment and stopped. Ms. Heaton replied**

**there were some however, they would be among the accounts that are being processed for tax sale.**

**Mr. James A. Fredrikson, questioned the reason for the abatement. Ms. Heaton, replied it was due to a clerical error on the residents check. One in the about of .01 and the other .91, both were short paid and the balance due will be applied to next years tax bill.**

**With no further discussion, the Tax Collector's Report was accepted with all Commissioners in agreement**

**Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr, made a motion to approve abatement in the amount of \$ 50.00. Mr. James A. Fredrikson, seconded the motion which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr., made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. Paul Harrison, inquired about the website renewal going from five years to three. Ms. Cronan responded that was due to the rates of renewal. The company stated that the original quote had expired and would not honor the old rates. Therefore we had to reduce the length of service to avoid going over budget.**

**Mr. Paul Harrison, commented on the increase to the firefighters health and accident insurance. Ms. Cronan replied that there was an increase of about \$957.00 over budget.**

**Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr., suggested that it might be beneficial to check rates from other companies for the up coming budget.**

**Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr., asked about the 2012 annual box fees. Ms. Cronan stated that we have received all payments for 2011 and there have been many companies who have already paid the 2012 fees.**

**Mr. James A. Fredrikson, asked about line item 7004 on the budget. This amount received was due to the FEMA reimbursement due to Tropical Storm Irene.**

**The Treasurer's Report was then accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:**

**Payroll Expenses:** dated 04/01/12–04/30/12 in  
the amount of \$111,325.65

**Interim Expenses:** dated 04/01/12–04/30/12 in  
the amount of \$ 32,862.70

**Non-Budgetary Interim Expenses:** dated 04/01/12–04/30/12 in  
the amount of \$ - 0 -

**Bills for Initial Approval:** dated 04/01/12–04/30/12 in the  
amount of \$ 58,241.73

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**Total:** \$ 202,430.08

Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr., made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval in the amount of \$202,430.08. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion, all Commissioners in agreement.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Mark Krieger has reviewed the Access to Public records procedures document and feels it is satisfactory.

Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr. made a motion to deny all request for late fee refunds. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, three Commissioners voting for one against. Motion

**passed.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger suggested that perhaps this year we should put a notice in the newspaper alerting the citizens as to when tax bills are being mailed and due. Also included in the ad would be the adding of a late fee if not paid on time.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to defer Operating Budget Surplus Handling until next month. Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr., seconded the motion which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Chief Frank Sylvester, stated that he would like to thank Deputy Chief Todd Tucker and the Honor Guard for their participation in the Newport Parade for the National Police Association. It has come to my attention that our flags and flags poles need to be replaced. Deputy Chief Todd Tucker will research the cost to replace the equipment.**

**Mr. Ronald Rivet, agreeded that new equipment should be purchased**

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## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A card from former firefighter Alex Punchak thanking the Department and Commissioners for the plaque he was presented for his years of service was read.**

**Mr. Ronald Rivet read a thank you card from resident Mrs. Patricia Sweeney thanking Deputy Chief Todd Tucker and firefighters for their assistance.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mr. Mark Krieger., made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with Section 42-46-5 of the Exemptions of Chapter 46 of the General Laws pursuant to Section 42-46-5(a)(2) the board of Fire Commissioners will seek to corvine to executive session to discuss labor relations/personnel., Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr., seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, all Commissioners voiced their agreement to adjourn to Executive Session for the stated purpose at 6:40 PM.**

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr.**



**Mark Krieger seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Ronald E. Rivet      Cheryl A. Cronan      Recording Secretaries**

**cc: R. Rivet, M. Krieger, C. Turner, P. Harrison, J. Fredrikson, file**